

New Haven Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting
January 9, 2015

The following were present:

<u>Mayor Jeff Rogers</u>	<u>Commissioner Nicole Pinkston</u>	<u>Commissioner Mike Morris</u>
<u>Commissioner Jane Masse</u>	<u>Commissioner Chris Cecil</u>	Kacie Emerson
Joanie Corbin	Joanne Morris	Keith Metcalf
Freddy DeWitt	Kevin Douglas	Tim Bartley
Tessie Cecil	Linda Mattingly	

Mayor Rogers called the special meeting to order and pledge to the flag was recited. Mayor Rogers had called a special meeting for the following:

- Board of Commissioners Orientation
- Commissioner Appointments
- Mayor Pro Tem
- Designate Check Signers (Resolution)
- Goals for 2015
- Employee Concerns
- Executive Session for Pending Litigation

Linda and Joanie gave a brief **orientation** to the Commission. Items discussed included—Class of City, Commission form of Government, City Funds, Fire House Debt, Fire Truck Debt, Water and Sewer Debt, Municipal Aid Fund (Special Revenue), purchasing water from the City of Bardstown, Sewer System along with Environmental Protection Agency requirements, Community Development Block Grant Application, and Joint City-County Planning Commission. Joanie gave the Commission information concerning Business Licenses along with a copy of the Business License Ordinance; Property Tax Bills; Water/Sewer/Garbage billing along with rates, tap on fee, deposit, leak adjustments, and reconnect fee. The Commission was informed of hourly wages for all employees along with flex benefits in lieu of insurance. They also received a copy of the Employee Handbook for their review.

Mayor Rogers informed the Commission that after receiving various informational packets from the Kentucky League of Cities that we should strive for transparency. In an effort to do so, the future meetings will be recorded and played on the local television station, CNH4.

Commissioner Appointments—Mayor Rogers said he had discussed with most of the Commissioners the departments they will be oversee. He made the following motion: Jeff-Administration; Chris-Street Department; Jane-Water/Sewer Department; Mike-Recreation Department; and Nicole—Police and Fire Departments. Chris seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Mayor Pro Tem—Mayor Rogers made a motion to appoint Nicole Pinkston as Mayor Pro Tem to serve in the absence of the Mayor. Jane seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Resolution Authorizing Check Signers—Resolution No. 2015-1 was read and approved on motion of Mayor Rogers and second of Nicole. All voted in favor. Designated signers are Mayor Rogers, Joanie Corbin and Linda Mattingly.

Goals for 2015—Jeff asked for comments. Tim Bartley said he hoped the City would continue to move forward on water and sewer projects that are improving the systems. Linda Mattingly said that she would be retiring May 31, 2015 but she felt that the transition would be seamless. Jeff praised the employees for being dedicated to keeping the city financially sound. They are all very conscientious when making city purchases. Nicole Pinkston said that the city needs many more volunteers. She said it is always the same small group of people who volunteer for events. She said she is concerned for the businesses here in the city. We need to support our businesses. Nicole also said that we need to capitalize on the Kentucky Railway Museum and the amount of people who visit our city because of the Museum. Jeff agreed. Jeff said he had spoken with Chris concerning implementing a Leadership Program for young adults here in New Haven.

Freddy DeWitt addressed the Commission concerning the Fire Department. He said the Fire Department had gone from 31 members in 2013 to 22 members in 2014. Of those 22 members only 12 are active. Freddy said that the department would be hosting several events in 2015 to bring community awareness to the City Fire Department and what they contribute to the community.

Keith Metcalf, Magistrate for District 1, attended the meeting to express his support for the new Commission and the City.

Tessie Cecil attended the meeting to welcome the new Commission as well and invited them to come to visit the Historical/Veterans Center any time.

Jeff made a motion to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation per KRS 61.810. Chris seconded. All voted in favor.

Chris made a motion to return to regular session. Jane seconded. All voted in favor. No action was taken as a result of executive session.

Jeff moved for adjournment and Jane seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Mayor

Clerk